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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT:

Offshore Island Situation

General

Peiping press, commenting on incident of 9 February in which USN bomber was hit over Sungmen Peninsula, reiterated warning that US must be responsible for consequences arising from "provocations." Chinese Communist MIG's have been reported patrolling over the mainland coast opposite the Tachens. However, the evacuation has remained unchallenged by nearby Communist forces through the fifth day of the operation.

Tachens

The evacuation of Nationalist guerrillas and civilians from Yushan and Pishan was completed on 9 February under the naval and air cover of the Seventh Fleet.

Matsus

Negative.

Quemoy

Communist fishing boats approached Tatan Island on 8 February, the second such reconnaissance in ten days. The Communists apparently are testing guerrilla defenses on lightly-held Tatan, three miles southwest of Little Quemoy.

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